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Charles L.A. Terreni, Esquire
Chief Clerk/Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Dr., Suite 100
Columbia, SC 29210

Re: Petition of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for Approval of Energy Efficiency Programs and An Accounting Order to Defer Costs Incurred in Connection with Development and Implementation of Energy Efficiency Programs
Docket No.: 2009-166-E

Dear Mr. Terreni:

The South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") has reviewed the above Petition.

ORS supports the approval of the Petition with the understanding that ORS will be able to examine the deferred costs and the proposed compensation mechanism in Duke's upcoming general rate case and that ORS will be able to raise any issues or concerns that ORS may have at that time.

Allowing Duke to implement its energy-efficiency programs by June 1, 2009, will provide Duke customers the opportunity to take advantage of these programs sooner rather than later.

Sincerely,

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cc: Catherine E. Heigel, Esq.
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